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B.14. Evidences of outsourcing for technical assistance and service inputs from other agencies.

➤ Communication Letter

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INVITATION LETTER		

April 22, 2025

DR. IAN JUNE L. GARCES
Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics
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Loyola Heights, Metro Manila

Dear Dr. Ian June L. Garces ,

Greetings!

On behalf of University of Southern Mindanao, we are pleased to extend our warm invitation to you as one of the speakers for our upcoming seminar-workshop titled: **"Empowering Educators: Crafting Learning Materials and Implementing Design-Based Action Research"**

The event will be held on May 30–31, 2025 at Graduate School, University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan, Cotabato.

This event aims to bring together educators and researchers to strengthen their capabilities in developing instructional materials and conducting action research in real classroom settings.


This two-day seminar is designed to:

1. Equip participants with the skills to create instructional materials using multiple representations for better student engagement and learning outcomes;
2. Guide them in formulating meaningful and challenging mathematics problems that foster critical thinking; and
3. Assist them in identifying and refining relevant research questions for classroom-based inquiry.

We believe your expertise in Writing Good Math Problems would greatly inspire and benefit our participants. Your insights would be invaluable in enriching discussions and helping educators gain practical tools for enhancing their teaching practices. Should you accept this invitation, we would be happy to coordinate the details of your talk at your convenience. We can also provide any necessary support in terms of logistics or presentation needs.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We hope to have the privilege of welcoming you as one of our esteemed speakers.

Warm regards,


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October 21, 2025

ROMELITO G. FLORES, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education – Cotabato Province
Amas, Kidapawan City

Sir:

Warm greetings from the University of Southern Mindanao!

The Graduate School of the University of Southern Mindanao, in collaboration with the College of Science and Mathematics, will conduct a Seminar-Workshop on "Zines as Alternative Pathways to Numeracy and Literacy: A Representation-Based Approach to Independent Learning" on October 25 and November 8, 2025, at the Graduate School, University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan, Cotabato.

This seminar-workshop aims to equip educators with innovative strategies that foster learner autonomy and creativity in classroom teaching. Grounded in the principles of the representation-based approach, it emphasizes how zines—small, self-published booklets—can serve as powerful tools to enhance both numeracy and literacy development. Through interactive sessions, participants will design sample zines, collaborate with peers, and develop classroom applications that align with curriculum standards.

In addition, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units will be granted to licensed professional teachers upon submission of the required seminar outputs.

In this regard, we respectfully request your endorsement of the participation of teachers from the Schools Division of Cotabato Province. Your support will greatly inspire the participants and emphasize the importance of continuous professional growth among educators.

For inquiries or confirmation, please contact us at 09338245352 or email at plbenj@usm.edu.ph

We look forward to your favorable response. Thank you very much for your continued partnership in advancing quality education and teacher development.

Sincerely,

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Agency/Office	Support Received
Ateneo de Manila University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provided speaker/lecturer
DepEd Cotabato	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provided participants○ Disseminated information about the seminar/workshop